

REMARKS

This Amendment, accompanying the petition for revival of the present application abandoned unintentionally, is submitted as a reply to the outstanding office action dated November 21, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

This Amendment is believed to be fully responsive to each point of the issue raised in the Notice of Abandonment dated February 27, 2008.

1. Cross-Reference to Copending Applications

Applicant amends the specification such that, before the first line of the specification, a paragraph describing cross-references to all other copending reissue applications in the family as of filing this response.

2. Reissue Claim Presentation

In this Amendment, Applicant presents the reissue claims such that claims 9-11 and 20-22 included in the previous Amendment filed February 21, 2006 are underlined in their entirety under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(d) as these claims are new claims presented in this divisional reissue application. In addition, these claims are renumbered as claims 8-13 according as “all changes in the reissue are made *vis-à-vis* the original patent, and not in comparison to the prior amendment” according to MPEP §§ 1453.V.D. Original claims 1-3 included in the original U.S. Patent 5,793,897 are maintained as allowed.

3. Consent of Assignee and Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

With this Amendment, Applicant submits a new consent of the assignee to this application as required under 37 CFR § 1.172(a) along with a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) to establish ownership of the assignee with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,793,897.

The § 3.73(b) statement indicates that the recordation of the assignment of the original U.S. Patent 5,793,897 is properly made under the Reel/Frame number 020507/0550.

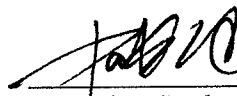
4. Filing Date of Application

In this Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to note that the filing date of the present application is not December 22, 2000 but August 31, 2000. Please note that the filing date for 09/654,939 application is mistakenly described in the first paragraph of U.S. Reissued Patent RE39,167 and all the office actions to the present application. To verify the correct filing date, Applicant encloses in this Amendment the date-stamped filing receipt for 09/654,939 (Attorney Docket No., Q60198) which is a divisional reissue application of 09/638,796, and a Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application which granted the filing date of 09/654,939 as August 31, 2000. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests appropriate correction.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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